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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Downed animals are pushed and dragged with chains, which causes injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. Industry experts have estimated that 90% if downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. There is also an increased risk for bacterial contamination as well as evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow disease.

Last year, the USDA announced a landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for federal programs, including the national school lunch program. This development shows a growing consensus even among livestock industry and government officials that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable.

Again I am asking you to please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1. These helpless downed animals desperately need all the help they can get.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,



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